

A) ALGEBRAIC PROOFS

Reminder: Represent the complex numbers in rectangular form if they have not been readily defined yet.

Example: Show that $\overline{wz} = \overline{w}\overline{z}$ if w and z are two complex numbers.

Let $w = x + yi$ and $z = a + bi$. Therefore $\overline{w} = x - yi$ and $\overline{z} = a - bi$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} = \overline{wz} &= (x - yi)(a + bi) = x \cdot a + x \cdot bi - a \cdot yi - by \cdot i^2 \\ &= ax + bxi - ayi + by \\ &= (ax + by) + (bx - ay)i\end{aligned}$$

reminder: $i^2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHS} = \overline{w}\overline{z} &= \overline{(x + yi)(a + bi)} = \overline{x \cdot a + x \cdot bi + a \cdot yi - by \cdot i^2} \\ &= \overline{ax - bxi + ayi + by} \\ &= \overline{(ax + by) - (bx - ay)i} \\ &= (ax + by) + (bx - ay)i \\ &= \text{LHS}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\overline{wz} = \overline{w}\overline{z}$

B) LOCI

Reminder: Represent the complex numbers in rectangular form if they have not been readily defined yet.

Example: Find the locus (set of points) of z if $|z - 1| = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } z &= x + yi. \text{ Then } |z - 1| = |x + yi - 1| \\ &= |(x - 1) + yi| \\ &= \sqrt{(x - 1)^2 + y^2}\end{aligned}$$

reminder: $|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Therefore $|z - 1| = 1$
can be written as $\sqrt{(x - 1)^2 + y^2} = 1$.

Squaring both sides leaves you with $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$.

This is the equation for a circle of radius 1 and centre (1, 0).

This is the locus (set of points) for z .

C) MULTI-STEP EQUATIONS

Reminder: A polynomial of degree n has exactly n roots.

Example: Completely solve the following equation: $(z^2 + 2)^3 = 1$.

$$(z^2 + 2)^3 = 1$$

$$(W)^3 = 1$$

$$\text{let } W = z^2 + 2$$

$$W^3 = 1 \text{ cis } 0^\circ$$

$$W^3 = 1 \text{ cis } (0^\circ + 360^\circ n)$$

$$W^3 = 1 \text{ cis } (360^\circ n)$$

$$W = [1 \text{ cis } (360^\circ n)]^{1/3}$$

$$W = 1 \text{ cis } (120^\circ n)$$

De Moivre's Theorem

$$n = 0: W_1 = 1 \text{ cis } 0^\circ$$

$$n = 1: W_2 = 1 \text{ cis } 120^\circ$$

$$n = 2: W_3 = 1 \text{ cis } 240^\circ = 1 \text{ cis } (-120^\circ)$$

3 solutions, as we're solving W^3 i.e. a cubic

Since $W = z^2 + 2$, then $z^2 + 2 = W_1$, $z^2 + 2 = W_2$, and $z^2 + 2 = W_3$.

Solving $z^2 + 2 = W_1$:

$$z^2 + 2 = 1 \text{ cis } 0^\circ = 1$$

$$z^2 = 1 - 2$$

$$z^2 = -1 = 1 \text{ cis } 180^\circ$$

$$z^2 = 1 \text{ cis } (180^\circ + 360^\circ n)$$

$$z = [1 \text{ cis } (180^\circ + 360^\circ n)]^{1/2}$$

$$z = 1 \text{ cis } (90^\circ + 180^\circ n)$$

De Moivre's Theorem

$$n = 0: z_1 = 1 \text{ cis } 90^\circ$$

$$n = 1: z_2 = 1 \text{ cis } 270^\circ = 1 \text{ cis } (-90^\circ)$$

Solving $z^2 + 2 = W_2$:

$$z^2 + 2 = 1 \text{ cis } 120^\circ$$

$$z^2 + 2 = \cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ$$

$$z^2 = \cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ - 2$$

$$z^2 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i - 2$$

$$z^2 = -\frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$z^2 = \sqrt{7} \text{ cis } (160.9^\circ)$$

change to polar form

$$z = [\sqrt{7} \text{ cis } (160.9^\circ + 360^\circ n)]^{1/2}$$

$$z = 1.63 \text{ cis } (80.45^\circ + 180^\circ n)$$

De Moivre's Theorem

$$n = 0: z_3 = 1.63 \text{ cis } (80.45^\circ)$$

$$n = 1: z_4 = 1.63 \text{ cis } 260.45^\circ = 1.63 \text{ cis } (-99.55^\circ)$$

Solving $z^2 + 2 = W_3$:

$$z^2 + 2 = 1 \operatorname{cis}(-120^\circ)$$

$$z^2 + 2 = \cos(-120^\circ) + i \sin(-120^\circ)$$

$$z^2 = \cos(-120^\circ) + i \sin(-120^\circ) - 2$$

$$z^2 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i - 2$$

$$z^2 = -\frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$z^2 = \sqrt{7} \operatorname{cis}(-160.9^\circ)$$

change to polar form

$$z = [\sqrt{7} \operatorname{cis}(-160.9^\circ + 360^\circ n)]^{1/2}$$

$$z = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(-80.45^\circ + 180^\circ n)$$

De Moivre's Theorem

$$n = 0: z_5 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(-80.45^\circ)$$

$$n = 1: z_6 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(99.55^\circ)$$

So the solutions are: $z_1 = 1 \operatorname{cis} 90^\circ$, $z_2 = 1 \operatorname{cis}(-90^\circ)$, $z_3 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(80.45^\circ)$, $z_4 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(-99.55^\circ)$, $z_5 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(-80.45^\circ)$, and $z_6 = 1.63 \operatorname{cis}(99.55^\circ)$.